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Two convicted in \$2 million fraudulent lottery claim

Winning scratch-off ticket taken from Plainfield liquor store

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced that a jury has convicted Jackie Parsley II and Ashlee (Campbell) Parsley in the fraudulent claim of a \$2 million Hoosier Lottery prize. The winning lottery scratch-off ticket was falsely redeemed by Ashlee (Campbell) Parsley in October 2014. She claimed that she purchased the winning ticket at Parsley's Liquor in Plainfield, Ind., which was managed at the time by Jackie Parsley II. The charges against Joseph Parsley, Ashlee (Campbell) Parsley's husband and Jackie Parsley II's brother, were dismissed by the court prior to the jury deliberations.

"We were pleased to secure these two convictions in Marion County on behalf of the State. Our office is committed to investigating and prosecuting white collar crime, and we appreciated the opportunity to work with the Hoosier Lottery on this case," commented Prosecutor Curry, who prosecuted the case with Deputy Prosecutor Daniel Harrison.

Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, commented on the verdicts, "We are grateful for the diligent work of the Prosecutor and his staff and their efforts to work with the Lottery's security office in this case. We are committed to maintaining the integrity of the Hoosier Lottery for all of our players."

Jackie Parsley II and Ashlee (Campbell) Parsley were each convicted yesterday after a three-day jury trial of the following charges:

- False Passing of a Lottery Ticket (Level 5 Felony)
- Theft (Level 5 Felony)
- Five counts of Money Laundering (Level 6 Felony).

Ashlee (Campbell) Parsley was also convicted of Perjury (Level 6 Felony) for asserting under oath on the Hoosier Lottery's Winner Claim Form that the purchaser of the of the ticket was not prohibited by law from purchasing a lottery ticket. Indiana law prohibits a retailer or employee of the retailer from purchasing lottery tickets at the premises where the retailer is authorized to sell tickets.

A joint investigation between the Hoosier Lottery Security Division and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Grand Jury Division began in November 2014 when the estate executor for the late owner of Parsley's Liquor reported his suspicions to the Hoosier Lottery. The store has since been sold and now operates in Plainfield under a new name and owners.

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Parsley's Liquor was at one time an authorized Hoosier Lottery retailer, but that license was not renewed in 2014. The scratch-off ticket dispensers had been removed, and the lottery terminal was deactivated by the Hoosier Lottery.

The investigation determined on Sept. 26, 2014, a pack of Hoosier Lottery scratch-off tickets containing one of the game's top prizes was activated by Jackie Parsley II at Parsley's Liquor on the store's newly reactivated terminal. Between Sept. 26 and Oct. 5, seven tickets from the same pack were redeemed for amounts ranging between \$20.00 and \$50.00 at other Hoosier Lottery retailers. On Oct. 3, 2014, Ashlee Campbell redeemed the lottery ticket with the top prize of \$2 million. Video surveillance viewed with the assistance of the U.S. Secret Service computer forensic examination unit confirmed the timeline of events.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Criminal Court 5.

A separate civil forfeiture action remains pending on cash and property believed to be purchased with the fraudulently claimed lottery winnings. A house in Hendricks County, four vehicles, and approximately \$620,000 from two bank accounts were seized during the investigation.